

## Motivation towards NFT

This is a story of my friend **Vishal Soni**. We met in secondary school. I particularly remember him because he was one of the notorious students of the class. Picking on teachers, fighting with friends, verbal attacks were all trends in those days. Apart from all these moments, he was the best artist I have known, especially because he made my art look like a 2 year old's drawing (I would consider myself above average). He was so great, particularly because he was taught by his beloved grandfather.

Then times changed, we took separate paths in our career, and I came to a different city to study Computer Science, while he stayed back pursuing something on his own accord.

I met him after 6 years at a small friends gathering. He looked so serious and different, couldn't spare much time. My first impression was that he's doing good.

Unfortunately, upon asking more about him, it seemed he was forced to take an academic path by his parents, which was never his first choice. He still continued to pursue drawing in his available time, for fun and for some extra income.

Upon completion of his undergraduate, he couldn't find a job and was again forced to join the family business. Though his heart and mind was always trying to find his peace in sketching, he could never pursue it as a career.

Upon a brief 1.5 hour telephonic conversation, I got to know that he wanted to study Designing and that his keen interest was in charcoal drawings, but did not get that opportunity because of financial instability of his family.

He could not convince his parents about the same as it's not considered a very stable job in India. Forget about a decent college, they could not afford the tuition fee of any local one.

Right now he's so crushed by the burden, he decided to delete his instagram portfolio and completely leave what he does best and gives him inner peace.

He seems so depressed all the time, having clashes in the family, that he can barely keep the motivation of going on with his passion.

By my uncountable requests, he revived his instagram account, which just shows the tip of the iceberg of his talent and work.

I asked for some of his best artworks, but he could only provide me with some pieces which were by miracle stored as a soft copy.

Current conditions are such that he could not afford to even buy a \$200 camera phone to click pictures of his artwork.

I took those digital copies and put some of my own money as Gas fee and minted him a couple of NFTs hoping I can help him somehow. As I am also piloting my career, it was a big step for me to pay the gas fee, but I couldn't hold myself after watching his condition.

Recently, I added a column of NFT on my personal Domain, which I bought to develop my personal portfolio.

I just hope, somehow he can follow his dreams and we'll be blessed to see more of his mind boggling creations.

## **Vishal Soni Gallery**

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